For cranes acquired through 1984-85 contract, necessary sanctions were issued by the Railway Board for the first crane and the concerned CRS in terms of Section 27 of Railways Act, 1989. These cranes have been cleared by CRS for 75 kmph.

Interim Certificate to run the cranes received against 1997-98 contract has also been issued. The issue of final speed certificate in terms of Sec. 27 of Railways Act, 1989 for these cranes is under process after completion of oscillation trials by RDSO.

Doubling of the Rail Line between Khurdha Road and Puri

1794. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for doubling the rail line between Khurdha Road and Puri in Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons for the inordinate delay in doubling of the above line; and

(c) the steps taken to implement the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) The work of doubling between Khurdha Road and Puri (Phase-I), *i.e.,* from Khurdha Road to Delang (15.30 km) has been included in the Railway Budget, 2000- 2001, at an anticipated cost of Rs. 48 crore.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Preliminary works like the preparation of plans and estimates etc. are now being taken up.

Transport Plan of RITES for Bangalore

1795. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rail India Technical and Economic Services Ltd. (RITES) has submitted a transport plan for Bangalore city;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the proposed project; and

(c) the action, if any, taken by the Ministry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.